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For: IMAGE DATA CORRECTING DEVICE  
FOR CORRECTING IMAGE DATA TO  
REMOVE BACK PROJECTION WITHOUT  
ELIMINATING HALFTONE IMAGE

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